

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

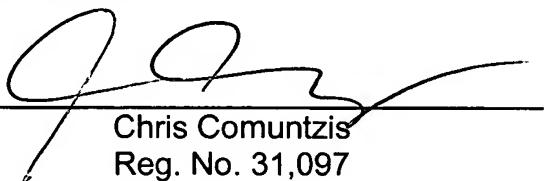
Claims 46, 47, 50, 51, 54, 57, 58, 61 and 62 now stand in the present application, claims 10, 12-20, 29-45, 48, 49, 52, 53, 55, 56, 59 and 60 having been canceled, and claims 46, 54 and 57 having been amended. More particularly, claims 46, 54 and 57 have been rewritten in independent form in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion at page 23 of the final Office Action. Since the Examiner indicated that these claims, as well as their dependent claims 47, 50, 51, 58, 61 and 62 would be allowable, Applicants have rewritten these claims in independent form so as to expeditiously place this case in condition for allowance. All of the other claims which have been rejected over art have been canceled so that this case is now in condition for allowance.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this case be passed to issue as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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